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WASHINGTON, DC- U.S. Rep. Charlie Melancon today announced that St. Bernard Parish would receive \$6,619,393 in federal disaster aid grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grants will reimburse the parish for disaster relief costs.

"Schools and police departments are the cornerstones of every community and I am pleased those in St. Bernard Parish are getting a helping hand in rebuilding," said Melancon.

"We still have a long way to go and I will continue to work with Senators Landrieu and Vitter, and the rest of the Louisiana delegation, to help get us there."

The following grants were announced today for St. Bernard Parish:

- **\$2,636,834 to repair C.F. Rowley Elementary School.** Storm surge and high winds from Hurricane Katrina caused severe damage to C.F. Rowley Elementary School in St. Bernard Parish. Floodwater approximately 10 feet deep caused extreme damage on the first floor of the facility. Wind and wind-driven rain caused moderate damage to the upper floors. These Public Assistance funds will reimburse the school board for building repair and replacement of some educational materials.

- **\$2,147,688 to Install, Operate and Maintain Trailers.** Most homes in St. Bernard Parish were severely damaged or destroyed by the storm. These funds will reimburse the parish for the costs associated with installing, operating, maintaining and demobilizing 53 travel trailers for essential government employees in the parish. Funding has also been provided to install two wheelchair ramps.

- **\$1,834,871 to Replace Vehicles for the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff Department.** The sheriff department lost over 120 vehicles and related equipment as a result of Hurricane Katrina. These Public Assistance funds will reimburse the parish for the cost of replacing 35 vehicles and related equipment.

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